

## *In Remembrance* **Supervisor Deane Dana** **July 9, 1926 - April 21, 2005**

"It is a very sad day in the Fourth District and the entire County of Los Angeles," remarked Supervisor Don Knabe on the passing of former Fourth District County Supervisor Deane Dana. "Our hearts and our prayers are with Deane's wife Doris and the entire Dana family. Deane has always held a special place in my heart and it was my honor to serve as his Chief of Staff for 15 years."



Supervisor Deane Dana was elected to the Board of Supervisors in November 1980 and served 4 terms until November of 1996. While in office, Supervisor Dana actively pursued regulatory reforms that retained and recruited jobs for Los Angeles County. He played leading roles in creating anti-gang programs, transportation improvements, shelter programs and funding for homeless families and single women, and in meeting long-term solid waste disposal needs Countywide. Dana was a strong advocate of privatization in County government and pursued the contracting of those County services which could be done at less cost by the private sector.

During his 16 years as Fourth District Supervisor, Dana served as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors three times and was president of the Coliseum Commission and the Southern California Regional Airport Authority.

Prior to being elected Supervisor, Dana spent 27 years with Pacific Telephone Company and served in the U.S. Air Force. He held a mechanical engineering degree from Stevens Institute in Hoboken, N.J.

Supervisor Dana was honored in 2002 with the dedication of the Deane Dana Friendship Park and Nature Center in San Pedro, named in his honor for his service to the County of Los Angeles.

Dana lived with his wife, Doris, in Palos Verdes Estates. He passed away Thursday, April 21 at the age of 78 at Torrance Memorial Hospital with his family at his side. He is survived by his wife, four children and six grandchildren.

### **Condolences can be sent to:**

Mrs. Deane Dana c/o Office of Supervisor Don Knabe  
500 West Temple Street, Room 822  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

"I didn't get to work that long with Supervisor Dana but he really was a sweet, kind, and courteous man – and I knew he cared a lot about his community. My heartfelt condolences go out to his family, his friends, and his colleagues. I know he will be remembered and missed."

**Supervisor Gloria Molina**  
**First District**

"Even though Deane Dana was my opponent in a very heated campaign for the Fourth District Supervisorial seat in 1980, I had an excellent working relationship with him when I rejoined the Board as Supervisor of the Second District in 1992. He truly cared about the well-being of the County, and he will be sorely missed."

**Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke**  
**Second District**

"I was saddened to learn that former Supervisor Deane Dana had passed away. Deane worked diligently to represent his Fourth District. In serving with him on the Board of Supervisors from 1994-1996, I found him to be a decent and gentle man whom I respected and with whom I enjoyed working. He was always fair to me and helped me find my way around County Government when I first arrived. Barbara and I have Doris and the Dana family in our prayers at this very difficult time."

**Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky**  
**Third District**

"My family and I send our prayers to Doris and the family. I always appreciated Deane's friendship and loyalty. He was dedicated, thoughtful and committed to serving and representing the best interests of the people. He took the responsibilities of his office seriously and was an active member of the Board of Supervisors."

**Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich**  
**Fifth District**

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# EVENT CALENDAR

**County of Los Angeles Wellness Fair**  
Wednesday, May 25  
**Department of Public Social Services**  
12860 Crossroads Parkway South (Parking Lot)  
City of Industry, CA 91746

**Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden**  
301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia 91007  
For a list of seminars, workshops and classes,  
please visit [www.arboretum.org](http://www.arboretum.org) or call (626) 821-4623

**Los Angeles County Museum of Art**  
5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 90036  
(323) 857-6000  
[www.lacma.org](http://www.lacma.org)  
Through June 12 - German and Austrian Posters - War, Revolution, Protest: Recent Gifts to the Robert Gore Rifkind Center for German Expressionist Studies  
Through June 12 - Rauschenberg: Posters  
Through June 26 - Images of Fashion from the Court of Louis XIV

**Music Center**  
135 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012  
(213) 972-7211  
[www.musiccenter.org](http://www.musiccenter.org)

**Ahmanson Theatre**  
Through May 29 – Play Without Words

**Mark Taper Forum**  
Through May 21 – Electricidad  
May 25 – July 17 – “Stuff Happens”

**Walt Disney Concert Hall**  
151 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012  
May 1 - Repin Plays Tchaikovsky  
May 6-8 – Evelyn Glennie  
May 8 – Organ Recital: Olivier Latry (7:30 p.m.)  
May 9 – Green Umbrella: Glennie on Location  
May 10 – Chamber Music - Shostakovich Cycle  
May 12 – Neighborhood Concert (at First Baptist Church of Pomona)  
May 13-15 – Soundstage LA: City of Angels  
May 14 – Toyota Symphony for Youth (11 a.m.)  
May 15 – Claremont Young Musicians Orchestra (7:30 p.m.)  
May 18 – Recital: Andre Watts  
May 20-22 – Lorraine Hunt Lieberson  
May 23 – Green Umbrella: Lieberson's Choice

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**Please join**  
Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke  
private industry, nonprofit organizations and government agencies for the

## Youth Job Fair

and Resource Expo

Employment Opportunities for 16 to 21 year olds  
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Dressing for Success Workshop  
Interviewing Techniques Workshop

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10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Athens Park**  
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### Michael D. Antonovich

at his 8<sup>th</sup> annual event

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## Supervisor Molina Helps Launch Universal Preschool

On March 24, Supervisor Gloria Molina braved inclement weather to join preschoolers, parents, community members, the First 5 LA Commission, and the Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP) Board of Directors at the Union Pacific Children's Center to mark the launch of Universal Preschool throughout the County.

"The initiation of this long-awaited enterprise is a sign of the tremendous commitment that we are making to ensure that quality preschools are available to all of the County's children," said Supervisor Molina, who currently serves as Chair of the First 5 LA Commission.

Each year, the State of California garners nearly \$600 million in tobacco taxes which are disbursed to counties and earmarked exclusively toward health and educational improvements for California's youngest residents. Voters approved the tax back in 1998 at the urging of actor/activist Rob Reiner, who currently serves as Chair of First 5 California.

First 5 LA's share of tobacco tax funding totaled \$134 million in Fiscal Year 2004-2005. The First 5 LA Commission has committed \$600 million over five years toward Universal Preschool and created LAUP specifically to oversee its implementation. LAUP is a public benefit corporation with the sole mission of making quality preschools universally available to all four-year-old children in the County of Los Angeles within ten years.



*Supervisor Molina celebrates the launch of Universal Preschool alongside (left to right) LAUP Board of Directors Chair Beth Lowe, First 5 LA Executive Director Evelyn Martinez, LAUP CEO Graciela Italiano-Thomas and several youngsters from the Union Pacific Children's Center.*

"This is a great day for the children of Los Angeles," Reiner stated. "By providing access to higher quality preschools for thousands of children, First 5 LA and LAUP are helping to solve the preschool crisis that exists in this County and throughout the state."

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## Supervisor Antonovich Sponsors 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Foster Youth Career Fair

On March 31, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich joined more than 300 foster youth and employers from 59 public



*Pictured from left to right are: Bryce Yokomizo (Director, Department of Public Social Services), Michael J. Henry (Director of Personnel, Department of Human Resources), Supervisor Antonovich, Violet Varona-Lukens (Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors), and Dr. David Sanders (Director, Department of Children and Family Services).*

and private agencies, including 26 County departments, the Los Angeles Job Corp, and the California Highway Patrol, at the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Foster Youth Career Fair & Resource Expo held at Jackie Robinson Park in Pasadena.

Initiated by Supervisor Antonovich, the fair helps provide young people who leave the foster care system with the proper tools and training to become successful adults. Attendees participated in workshops and seminars on resume writing, interviewing techniques, and computer and Internet training, and also had the opportunity to meet with represented employers and agencies.

"Children are not the future, they are today," Supervisor Antonovich said. "If we don't meet their needs today, they will have no future. Our children need a support system to keep them on a productive path. It is imperative that we communicate to our foster youth that the entire County family is behind them and wishes for them to succeed in life."



# RETIREES

*Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after 30 or more years of service to the people of the County of Los Angeles:*

**ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL:** Eduardo R. Escasas  
**AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:** Estrellita L. Raymundo  
**BEACHES & HARBORS:** Harold S. Harris  
**CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES:** Roque Quinonez, Yolanda F. Ravega, Joyce Sully  
**CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES:** Delores Bryant, Carole Duran, Tien G. Gan, Susan E. Gonsalves, Lillian A. Gurdal, Virginia L. Harris, Edward R. Windsor  
**COMMUNITY & SENIOR SERVICES:** Virginia Enriquez, William A. Johnson  
**CONSUMER AFFAIRS:** Ruby Bryant, Gale A. Young  
**COUNTY COUNSEL:** Eugene S. Drayton, Ethel Wong  
**DISTRICT ATTORNEY:** A. Castaneda, Brent Riggs  
**FIRE:** Stephen G. Blair, Juan A. Gonzalez, Delvin E. Lillie, Larry L. Mitzner, Rudy G. Ortega, Stephen R. Page, Thomas R. Peters, Raymond F. Thompson, Phillip S. Walker  
**HEALTH SERVICES:** Maria S. Alvarado, Claire E. Beekman, Michael A. Cuestas, Kathleen G. Edmundson, Ary Epstein, Joan E. Foster, Barbara J. Grigsby-Dozi, Toby Horn, Aziz Hussain, Servando Lozano, Dorothy J. McClendon, Mildred Milgrom, David R. Miller, Elayne Pleticha, Barbara J. Raglin, Daniel Shields, Boushra W. Soliman, Judy Soulek, Helen Takenouchi, Bessie K. Toole, Francisco J. Villasenor, Edna L. White  
**INTERNAL SERVICES:** Tony L. Castro, Jo-Ann Craypser, Dennis D. D'amico, Gloria J. Depillars, Brent E. Kelly, Tommie F. Parks, Sharon L. Quinn, Koganti M. Rao  
**MENTAL HEALTH:** Ester Albano, Alysse K. Furukawa, Larry Gasco, Virginia S. Memmott, Gabrielle Williams  
**PROBATION:** Rosalie C. Cabrera, Robert Ellis, Ernesto A. Ong, Alexander Peace, Allen F. Prieto, William Valenzuela Jr., Peter N. Volpe  
**PUBLIC DEFENDER:** Allen Adashek, John P. Torelli  
**PUBLIC WORKS:** Tyrone A. Campbell, David J. Darvis, David M. Gaitan, Soledad Hernandez, Harvey R. Lucien, Wagdi A. Mikhail, Kenneth J. Phillips, Michael B. Smith, Donald R. Truelsen, Edward L. Villescás  
**REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK:** Delores Forbes  
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**SUPERIOR COURT:** Marian J. Duval, Mitchel J. Harris, Hannah Inouye, Kathryn A. Jones, Patricia A. Lee, Kenneth Y. Nishi, Doris J. Webb  
**TREASURER & TAX COLLECTOR:** Cora M. Mc Kinzie

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## Employee of the Month Fire Department's Frederick L. Graves



Frederick L. Graves has been employed by the Fire Department for more than 27 years. Currently, he is serving as the Fire Captain in Station 14, one of the busiest in the County. As Captain, he supervises and coordinates crews at fires, as well as paramedics on emergency medical incidents. Having elected to serve most of his firefighting career in the South Central areas of the County, he is known as a "community fixture" because he is always there for others in need. Perceived as usually knee-deep in digging others out of problems, he has been nicknamed "Digger Graves."

Early in his career, Captain Graves designed a rescue report for specific use by Department paramedics. This form is still in use today across the organization. Because of his deep involvement in the Department's Fire Explorer Program which prepares teens and young adults for a career in the fire service, 22 of his former Explorers have become full-time firefighters with the Fire Department and other fire service agencies.

Improving substandard living conditions, which he witnesses daily while on duty in the community, is an area Captain Graves takes a special interest in. As a member of the County's Building and Safety Abatement Team, his concern for the safety hazards created by absentee slumlords has led to the relocation of many residents living in deplorable conditions.

Captain Graves and his crewmembers discovered a commercial building that had been illegally converted into a rooming house. The site was comprised of shanty-type illegal additions, dangerous electrical wiring, unsanitary plumbing, non-vented heaters, and other substandard living conditions. Captain Graves coordinated an inspection of the building with the County's Building and Safety and Zoning Enforcement divisions. As a result, all of the structures were declared extremely hazardous and ordered vacated. Captain Graves enlisted the help of the American Red Cross and other County departments to assist the residents in relocating to decent housing. The structures were eventually demolished.

On another 911 call, Captain Graves and his crewmembers discovered unbelievable packrat conditions in the home of an elderly resident. Useless materials were stacked to the ceiling, including 1,020 pounds of glass, aluminum cans, and grocery bags filled with cigarette butts, old magazines, junk mail, and other items.

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He took it upon himself to coordinate a clean-up project and enlisted the help of members of his local Explorer Post 20. On his own time and at his own expense, Captain Graves rented a U-Haul trailer to transport the recyclables and trash to a nearby center. He also purchased materials with his own resources and returned to the home to rebuild the deteriorating back porch of the home for the elderly homeowner.

Over the years, he has accumulated many fond memories while in the fire service, namely, "rescuing three people from burning buildings, delivering 13 babies, working with the Explorers, and traveling to Athens, Greece to bring a hospitalized retired Chief back home to his family," said Captain Graves. With high regard for the Department and his fellow firefighters, Captain Graves feels his career has been very fulfilling. "Every time the bell goes off, it's a new challenge," he said.

On a personal note, Captain Graves is a master designer and manufacturer of spiral staircases. He has traveled extensively, and holds a special interest in the Chinese pandas which led to his participation in negotiations with China to bring a pair of pandas to the San Diego Zoo. Captain Graves is also a family man and says he has a "wonderful" 19-year-old daughter, Brittany, and is engaged to marry a "fantastic lady," Heidi.

For his commitment and dedication to fire safety and community service, we commend Captain Frederick L. Graves and wish him well in all future endeavors.

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***Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after 25 or more years of service to the people of the County of Los Angeles:***

**AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:** Allie J. Scott

**CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES:** Janet Iwata

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY:** Gamal B. Ghattas, Rudolph King

**FIRE:** Gary J. Bedo, Dennis D. King, Derek Reyna, Frank E. Turner

**HEALTH SERVICES:** Richard Casaburi, Jr, G. Church, Ernest J. Collins, Thelma Egnozzi, Lourdes Harmon, Betty Hemphill, Tommy L. Knox, Ernestyne McGee, Sara R. Sepulveda, Lynette R. Williams

**INTERNAL SERVICES:** Rollen Matthews

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## Supervisor Burke Presents Living Legends Awards

Each Living Legends program is special in its own way, but this year's event, the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards, may well have been the most emotionally satisfying of all. As always, there was standing room only on Saturday, February 26, at the A C Bilbrew Library, despite the fact that the program started two hours later than usual, at 1:00 p.m. The honored guests were Essie Mae Washington-Williams, African American daughter of the late U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond; and immortal blues artist Etta James. Special Community Service Recognition was given to "Sweet" Alice Harris of the Parents of Watts and to the National Association of University Women.



Supervisor Burke (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) presented Living Legends plaque to Essie Mae Washington-Williams (4<sup>th</sup> from l.), flanked by (l-r) MC Steve Harris; Mrs. Washington-Williams' daughter, Wanda Terry; Mrs. Washington-Williams' attorney, Frank Wheeler; and County Librarian Margaret Donnellan Todd.

Mrs. Washington-Williams signed copies of her newly released book, *Dear Senator*, for a long line of enthusiastic buyers. Etta James also arrived early to sign copies of her book, *Rage to Survive*, sharing the challenges and triumphs of her life in the world of music.

The Master of Ceremonies was Steve Harris, currently appearing in the ABC television series "The Practice," and starring in the feature film "Diary of a Mad Black Woman." As the time approached for the presentation of the Living Legends awards and Etta James came onstage, vocalist Barbara Morrison and The Nova Troubadours band performed a musical tribute to her, with such standards as "This Bitter Earth," "At Last," and "Everyday I Have The Blues," which brought the house down as Etta James joined in, her voice as strong and vibrant as always.

County Librarian Margaret Donnellan Todd then joined Supervisor Burke in presenting the Living Legend Award to Mrs. Washington-Williams. "I want to tell you how grateful I am for this honor," she said, before introducing her daughter

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# ENRICHING LIVES...

## County of Los Angeles Pays Tribute to a World Leader



*"Pope John Paul II was a leader amongst leaders. He was the only globally recognized religious leader we've had in our time who was acknowledged as such by the followers and leaders of other religions. I respected how committed he was to doing outreach in every single community in the world from Latin America to Eastern Europe. He did this even at risk to his own life and despite his frail health in his later years. I will miss him very much."*

**– Supervisor Molina, First District**

*"The world has lost a caring and effective leader in Pope John Paul II. As we do in Los Angeles County, he embraced diversity and reached out to people everywhere, no matter what faith they followed. He broke Catholic tradition by making personal visits to a mosque and a synagogue, signifying his acceptance of people of different faiths as human beings. The fact that in his will he indicated a willingness to step down, if need be, is evidence of his devotion to the best interests of the church he led. He will be sorely missed, not only by the one billion Catholics in the world, but by all people of good will."*



**– Supervisor Burke, Second District**



*"I mourn the passing of Pope John Paul II - one of the towering figures of the last century. He was more than the leader for one of the world's great religions. He was an international figure who inspired hundreds of millions of non-Catholics in ways spiritual and temporal. In addition to his leadership of the Roman Catholic Church, he will be remembered for the role he played in advancing the march to democracy in Poland and throughout the Eastern bloc of the former Soviet Union. He was truly a man of peace and a force for good."*

*"On a personal level, as a Jew, I will always remember the occasions where he reached out to the Jewish community: the prayers he offered in 1979 during a journey to Auschwitz, the first ever for a Pope; his visit in 1986 to the Great Synagogue of Rome, another historic first; the Vatican's formal recognition and opening of diplomatic relations with Israel in 1994; and his trip to the Holy Land and Jerusalem's Western Wall in the year 2000. Pope John Paul II's actions were particularly meaningful from one born and raised in a time and place that saw so much suffering for Jews and others."*

**– Supervisor Yaroslavsky, Third District**

*"Pope John Paul II was a courageous man of strong moral principles. He was the moral pillar of strength the world leaned on. The Holy Father will be remembered as one of the greatest men in history who took his spiritual message directly to millions the world over."*



**– Supervisor Knabe, Fourth District**



*“Pope John Paul II was an inspirational spiritual leader who traveled all corners of the globe preaching Jesus Christ’s message of love and salvation.”*

*“Having personally suffered under the anti-God practices of the twin oppressive evils of Nazism and communism, Pope John Paul II was an integral part of President Ronald Reagan and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher’s efforts in tearing down the Berlin Wall and opening up eastern Europe to democracy and freedom of religion. He watched with the world as the hammer and sickle joined the swastika on the junk pile of history”.*



*“He honored victims of the Holocaust and ended the Catholic-Jewish estrangement — calling Jews “our elder brothers.”*

*“I had the privilege of meeting and talking with Pope John Paul II when he visited Los Angeles County in 1987. His great popularity was a result of his ability to lead with compassion and eloquence.”*

*“In carrying out the great commission of our Lord Jesus Christ, he inspired the youth who were moved by his message of the Gospel. His grace and determination to carry God’s message were clearly evident in his final days.”*

**– Supervisor Antonovich, Fifth District**



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- **Compassion** - we treat those we serve and each other in a kind and caring manner.
- **Commitment** - we always go the extra mile to achieve our mission.
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- **Respect for diversity** - we value the uniqueness of every individual and their perspective.
- **Responsiveness** - we take the action needed in a timely manner.

Our ***position*** as the premier organization for those working in the public interest is established by:

- a capability to undertake programs that have public value;
- an aspiration to be recognized through our achievements as the model for civic innovation; and a pledge to always work to earn the public trust.

## Department of Mental Health Wall of Heroes

On the wall outside the Executive Conference room on the 12<sup>th</sup> floor of the Department of Mental Health (DMH), plaques denoting Employee's of the year and other employee achievements reside. This has been the spot to honor employees who have received awards since DMH took over the 550 S. Vermont Ave. building. This area now has a whole new look that is likely to draw the attention of anyone entering the 12<sup>th</sup> floor.

Currently there is an original Herman Su installed on the 12<sup>th</sup> floor. Mr. Su, who works for DMH, kindly consented to create something that would enhance the area around the plaques. After 5 months of working at home and at night, his work of art was completed.



In order to apply each coat properly, certain techniques had to be followed in order to prevent cracking in the future. To make matters worse, the wet weather and humidity experienced in Los Angeles made the drying time longer and each coat had to completely dry before the next could be applied. Since the painting was mechanical, other problems were encountered with the detailing. His artwork required very fine precision and the use of small, delicate tools to render the proper visual depth perception. Mr. Su's dedication to his work is greatly appreciated by all DMH staff and visitors of the facility.

Thank you, Herman Su, for contributing such a wonderful work of art. Please be sure to make time and come to view the DMH Wall of Heroes.

## LACERA Elections

*General Member Elections to be held for the Board of Retirement and Board of Investments of LACERA*

LACERA Elections will be held this year to elect the Second Member of the Board of Investments and the Second Member of the Board of Retirement for terms of office commencing January 1, 2006. The elections will be held Tuesday, July 26.

General Members interested in running for these offices may obtain nomination packets beginning April 12 from the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk at 12400 Imperial Hwy., Norwalk, CA 90650. Nominating petitions must be signed by at least 50 active County employees (as of March 1) who are General Members. Petitions must be filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, before 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 11. For more information, contact your departmental election coordinator.

# Good Health Is In Your Hands!



**Do you know that the single most effective way to stop the spread of infection is by washing your hands?**

That's right. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say the most important means of preventing the spread of gastrointestinal (stomach flu) and respiratory (colds and the flu) illness is handwashing.

**There are other ways to prevent passing on germs to friends, family and co-workers:**



- cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough
- avoid other people when you are ill with a cold or the flu
- never share toothbrushes, towels, drinking glasses and utensils



**When do you wash your hands?**

- Before and after you cook or eat food
- After you feed or play with your pet
- After you change a diaper or blow your nose
- After you use the restroom
- Before and after you care for someone who is ill

Practice good respiratory etiquette and enjoy good health. Cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough; keep your fingers out of your mouth, nose and eyes; and wash your hands regularly.

**Remember: good health is in YOUR hands!**





## Hollywood Bowl Summer Season 2005 Announced

**Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky**, (pictured from left to right), Los Angeles Philharmonic Association President Deborah Borda, Hollywood Bowl Orchestra Principal Conductor John Mauceri, and newly-appointed Principal Guest Conductor of the Los Angeles Philharmonic at the Hollywood Bowl, Leonard Slatkin.

The Los Angeles Philharmonic Association announced the Hollywood Bowl summer 2005 programming for its 84th season at the historic venue. The Hollywood Bowl is one of the most renowned summer cultural venues in the United States and the summer home of the Los Angeles Philharmonic and home of the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra. The 2005 summer season spans 14 weeks from June 24 to September 25, and includes presentations of classical music by the Los Angeles Philharmonic; popular weekend shows with the Philharmonic and the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra; jazz; world music; and special presentations, as well as family and educational programs.

The Association has also announced the creation of a new position, Principal Guest Conductor of the Los Angeles Philharmonic at the Hollywood Bowl, and named renowned American conductor and Music Director of the National Symphony Orchestra, Leonard Slatkin as the first to hold this post. This position rotates on a two-year basis. As part of his commitment this summer, Slatkin leads three weeks of concerts with the Los Angeles Philharmonic with a variety of programming, including the Gershwin Festival, and repertoire ranging from Bach to Ives.



The Philharmonic explores the music of George Gershwin this summer, with a Gershwin Festival (July 12-16) of programs that cross the Classical, Jazz and Weekend series in the first week of subscription concerts. Gershwin spent much of his creative life in Los Angeles, and composed with a mix of classical and jazz influences. His music is uniquely suited for this summer's festival in the genres of classical, jazz, and popular classics. Please visit, [www.laphil.org/press/hb\\_pk\\_2005/](http://www.laphil.org/press/hb_pk_2005/) for full information on schedules, performers and tickets.

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and granddaughter. "I have 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren," she told the audience. She accepted a library card from the librarian before departing to attend another book signing in West Los Angeles.

When Supervisor Burke and the librarian presented the Living Legend Award to Etta James, calling her "America's Matriarch of the Blues," she burst into song with "Tell Mama," to the delighted surprise of the audience. On the keyboards, Tony Shumate quickly picked up the key and joined in to accompany her. As her voice soared it was clear why she is a legendary great, a two-time Grammy award winner with



*From left to right Supervisor Burke, presenting Living Legends Award to Etta James, was joined by County Librarian Margaret Donnellan Todd.*

a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. As she finished, Etta James smiled and said, "Even if I do sing, I'm a bashful person." However, she continued, "I come from the church, and if you don't mind I'm going to sing another song, but not the blues." She launched into

"Precious Lord," and after a moment the band joined in. Etta James sailed into the vocal pyrotechnics of a great gospel singer, and as she brought her performance to a rousing close the audience came to its feet in a standing ovation. Amidst the uproar Ms. James brought three grandchildren onstage, and introduced them.

Others who participated in the event included Herb Wesson, former Speaker of the California State Assembly; Rev. Alex Toussaint, Pastor of St. Andrews Baptist Church, who led the Invocation; Rev. Marilyn Batchelor of Lewis Metropolitan CME Church, who said the Benediction; and Ashley East, Little Miss African American. "Sweet" Alice Harris' Special Service Award was accepted by her daughter, Jonnetta Woods.

## Supervisors Antonovich and Yaroslavsky Honor First Responders to Metrolink Train Derailment Tragedy

At the Board of Supervisors meeting on February 22, Supervisors Michael D. Antonovich and Zev Yaroslavsky honored the first responders to the Metrolink train derailment tragedy that took place on January 26.

“This tragic crime cost 11 people their lives – including one of our County Sheriff’s deputies. 180 people were injured and there was millions of dollars in damage to public and private property. We recognize the brave men and women in public safety and from our community who risked their lives to help others in the aftermath of the crash. The bravery and generosity of the Costco employees and management was most commendable and helped to save lives,” Supervisor Antonovich said.

In attendance at the meeting were representatives from the Sheriff’s Department, Department of Mental Health, Department of Health Services, LAC+USC Healthcare Network, Department of the Coroner, Glendale Fire Department, Glendale Police Department, Burbank Fire Department, Pasadena Fire Department, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles City Fire Department, California Highway Patrol, and the Costco store in Glendale.

*Supervisor Antonovich presents scroll to Sheriff’s Deputy William Jackson.*



*Supervisor Yaroslavsky honors LAPD Officer Salvador Loera, one of many first responders to assist victims of the Atwater Village train derailment.*

## Countywide Collaboration Contributes to Successful Firefighter Examination

Over 90 employees from various County departments came together to ensure that effective service was provided to the approximate 20,500 individuals who applied to become a Fire Fighter during the three-day filing period in early December, 2004. Applicants came from as far away as the east coast states and even Hawaii to file an application in-person at one of the six filing sites located throughout the County.

Many applicants complimented the staff for the smoothness of the operation. One applicant remarked, “The staff checked all the information on my application and I went through the process really quick. It was really good.” Another commented that, “There were so many applicants, but the staff was still really friendly and helpful.”

This effort marked the first time in seven years that the Fire Fighter examination was opened. “There were a lot of people who waited a long time for this,” said Jose de Jesus Lopez, a Deputy Forrester with the Fire Department.

The next step in the process was a written test that took place during the first week of January. Over 15,700 candidates braved the heaviest rain Southern California has seen in years in order to venture to the Long Beach Convention Center to participate. The turnout marks the largest examination in County history, with 76 percent of the scheduled candidates appearing to take the 3½ hour test, up from 60 percent during the last administration.

Over 150 County employees helped to ensure that the candidates were met with an organized, efficient process on each of the six consecutive testing days, which helped to maintain the integrity of the testing process and encourage a positive candidate experience. Upon exiting the facility at the completion of the test, many candidates thanked the County employees for “taking the time to be there for them.”

The Fire and Human Resources Departments acknowledge the following departments for providing staff to assist in this successful endeavor: Health Services, Office of Public Safety, Parks and Recreation, Probation, Public Library, Public Works, and Sheriff.

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The Union Pacific Children's Center is one of 100 preschools that received funding from LAUP this year to enhance curriculum quality, enroll more children for services, and lower preschool costs for parents.

Those centers chosen to participate in LAUP's Early Launch underwent an intensive site visit. Reviewers examined teacher qualifications, interviewed parents, and evaluated the quality of the learning environment. LAUP then assigned each center a "Star Quality Rating" of one to five stars. Only those facilities attaining a three-star level and above were funded by LAUP during Early Launch.

By the start of Early Launch, LAUP had offered contracts to 26 center providers that represented 46 individual classrooms serving more than 800 four-year-olds. In the coming weeks, as all 100 LAUP providers come online, they collectively will serve more than 3,500 children.

In addition, one in every four classrooms that will provide preschool as a result of LAUP's efforts currently stands empty for lack of operating funds. This means that LAUP is adding hundreds of desperately needed preschool spaces to the community.

Three years ago, the site now occupied by the Union Pacific Children's Center was a vacant lot, an eyesore for the community. As part of her commitment to revitalizing the Union Pacific area—and in response to the local community's request for child care—Supervisor Molina partnered with the Young Women's Christian Association, YWCA of Greater Los Angeles to build a children's center that now provides preschool and full-day child care to 23 four-year-olds.

"This very site was once an empty lot surrounded by bars and abandoned buildings but the members of the community came to me and demanded improvement," Supervisor Molina explained. "So it is very fitting that today we are launching Universal Preschool at

## Christening of New Boat 110 in Marina del Rey

On March 16, Supervisor Knabe christened Fire Station 110's new Fire Boat as part of a larger project of safety improvements for Marina del Rey. Fire Station 110 will be remodeled to accommodate new equipment which will better protect and serve the Marina.

"Safety in the Marina is a major concern for Los Angeles County," Supervisor Knabe said. "Because of the advanced capabilities of this new boat, it is a viable resource within the LAX disaster plan, helping to make our community a safer place."

As opposed to the old boat which could carry only three people going at a top speed of 9-10 knots, this new boat can travel in excess of 28 knots with 10 people and has a maximum capacity of 15 people. The boat is capable of responding to situations both inside and outside the Marina due to its increased speed capability and larger fuel capacity.



"We always hope we will never have to use this type of equipment, but it is important to have it ready in an event that we need it," Supervisor Knabe said. In addition to the New Boat 110, the Old Boat 110 will remain on reserve.

the Union Pacific Children's Center because in the five years that First 5 LA evolved from a skeleton commission into a visionary organization, this facility went through its own transformation. What started as a community nuisance has become a sanctuary for our children, a place where they are not only safe but also becoming educated."



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## County Library Offers Online Homework Help to Students

The Public Library has launched a new free online service to help students with their homework. A grant from the S. Mark Taper Foundation has enabled the Library to offer Live Homework Help, geared to students in grades 4 through 12.

Live Homework Help is available through the County Library's Web site on any windows-based computer that is connected to the Internet — from home, parks, boys and girls clubs, and from public computers in the library. A valid County Library card is needed to use the new service.

Live Homework Help, powered by tutor.com, connects students with expert tutors in math, science, social studies and English. After logging on, a student selects a grade level and subject area, and is immediately connected to a tutor for a one-on-one session. Sessions are 20 minutes, but students may log on as often as they need help.

Students can get help in both English and Spanish. Live Homework Help is available in English every day from 1 to 9 p.m. Help in Spanish is available from 3 to 7 p.m., Sunday through Thursday.

For more information, or to use Live Homework Help, visit the County Library Web site at [www.colapublib.org](http://www.colapublib.org).



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